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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NORDIC RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

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1. SUMMARY: GOI WILL BE UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA IF NORDIC FONMIN MEETING ISSUES DECLARATION IN PRINCIPLE. GOI HAS NOT YET TAKEN OFFICIAL POSITION AND MAY POSSIBLY CONSIDER DELAY. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT OF NORDIC RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA WITH MFA DEPSEC GEN INGVARSSON ON MARCH 23, PRESENTING ARGUMENTATION CONTAINED IN REF B. INGVARSSON REPLIED THAT GOI HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED VISITS FROM DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING BOTH

NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA BUT HAD MADE NO PROMISES REGARDING RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA TO EITHER DELEGATION.

3. GOI HAS NOT YET SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED QUESTION. HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD NORDIC FONMIN MEETING DECIDE UPON DECLARATION IN PRINCIPLE TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA PRESSURE UPON GOI COULD BE VERY STRONG AND " DIFFICULT TO WITHSTAND". INGVARSSON RECALLED THAT FONMIN AGUSTSSON HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN INFLUENCING OTHER NORDICS TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION OF KOREAN QUESTION AT LAST UNGA. (THIS WOULD STILL SEEM TO IMPLY THAT AGUSTSSON HIMSELF OPPOSES RECOGNITION.)

4. EMBOFF ASKED INGVARSSON WHETHER POSITION OF NORWEGIANS WOULD HAVE PARTICULAR INFLUENCE ON GOI POSITION. INGVARSSON REITERATED THAT IT WOULD BE HARD TO AVOID RECOGNITION IF JOINT DECISION MADE BY FONMINS TO PROCEED. HE PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO CONVEY TO FONMIN STRONG USG DESIRE THAT IF DECISION TO RECOGNIZE IN PRINCIPLE MADE AT MEETING THAT GOI POSTPONE RECOGNITION AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY UNTIL AFTER 1973 UNGA. IRVING

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